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1. MR. JAMES E. TURNER, AN AMERICAN CITIZEN WHO HAS JUST COMPLETED A TWO WEEK TOURIST VISIT TO MORONI, COMORO ISLANDS, SPOKE WITH AN EMBASSY OFFICER CONCERNING HIS STAY. MR. TURNER CHARACTERIZED THE TRIP AS VERY PLEASANT EVEN THOUGH HE DID HAVE DIFFICULTIES IN LEAVING DUE TO PASSPORT DIFFICULTIES (EXPLAINED REFTEL). COMORAN OFFICIALS WERE UNFAILINGLY POLITE AND DID WHAT THEY COULD, GIVEN THEIR LIMITED RESOURCES AND EXPERIENCE IN DEALING WITH TOURISTS IN DIFFICULTY.

2. MR. TURNER WAS ABLE TO TRAVEL FREELY ON GRAND COMORO. HE REPORTS THAT THERE WAS NO CIVIL UNREST. MUNICIPAL SERVICES ARE PROVIDED AS WELL AS IN MANY OTHER COUNTRIES HE HAS VISITED. HIS HOTEL, WHILE EXPENSIVE, WAS WELL-STOCKED AND OPERATING EFFICIENTLY. MR. TURNER SEES NO IMPEDIMENT TO OTHER TOURISTS TRAVELLING TO COMORO AT THIS TIME EXCEPTING, OF COURSE, THE ALMOST TOTAL LACK OF COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE REST OF THE WORLD.

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